

URBAN WEATHERIZATION INITIATIVE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
April 22, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Charlene Raickett

Attendees: **Voting Board Members:** Percy Harris, Melissa Williams, Deborah Harrington
Ex Officio Members: Representative Dave Winters
DCEO Staff: Stephen Konya, Charlene Raickett, Jim Pellum

Apologies: Representative Ken Dunkin, Senator Donne Trotter, Kurt Summers

Public Attendees: Cheryl Calvin-Black Wall Street Chicago, Royce Cunningham-Architectural Services Group, Mike Neal-MTN & Associates, John Williams-Direct Performance Marketing, Angelyn Vanderbilt

Review/Approval of Minutes: A motion was called to approve meeting minutes of February 18, 2011. Motion carried.

General Update:

Home Energy Auditor RFA

Six (6) organizations have been approved to perform auditor training for the period of 1 year (6/1/2011 through 5/31/2012). Contracts will be issued and processed for full execution and payment at the Comptroller's Office.

Weatherization Specialist RFQ

UWI received forty-nine (49) submissions which are currently under review by our evaluation team.

Grant Contracts/Funding Notification

Mr. Konya provided an update to the Board regarding the Supreme Courts decision surrounding the capital bill and release of funds to grantees. He stated that DCEO will move forward with issuing contracts to UWI awardees. Once the decision has been settled, the Build Illinois Bond Fund (BIBF) will be approved and UWI can move forward.

Ms. Raickett informed the Board that organizations who submitted an RFQ have been kept abreast of changes to the timeline and if necessary, will be notified should additional changes occur.

Area Median Income (AMI)

Representative Winters noted that there is a need for increasing the AMI from 60% to 80%. He suggested that criteria be developed; legislation prepared and ready to submit during Spring session. A shell bill could be approved within 5 weeks. Mr. Konya stated that DCEO will work with Nick Reitz on language to be amended.

UWI Strategic Plan

Ms. Raickett informed the Board that a 5 year strategic plan needs to be developed and implemented. The purpose of the plan is to show UWI's progression to include (skilled training; job development/creation; contractor relationships and benefits to be received by the homeowner).

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Percy Harris mentioned that FY10 Census Data has been released and that certain areas of East St. Louis have been impacted by mortgage foreclosures. He stated that he will begin working on a draft of homeowner eligibility guidelines to be implemented. Mr. Konya stated that UWI is continuing to build its infrastructure.

Next Board Meeting: Friday, May 20, 2011 10:00a.m.-12:00noon at JRTC/DCEO

Ms. Raickett suggested that the June 17, 2011 meeting be held in East St. Louis-Collinsville.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:15a.m. by Stephen Konya

*Respectfully Submitted by
Charlene Raickett
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